Crop loss due to thunderstorms

3047. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that untimely thunderstorms and rain lashed many parts of India in May-June of year, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the loss of crops due to this; and

(d) the contingency plan of Government to meet the shortfall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Export of cow meat

†3048. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cow meat is being exported;

(b) if so, the earnings made from this export;

(c) whether this earning can not be compensated through other means; and

(d) whether the Ministry of Finance and other Ministries have held discussions on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Package for drought affected Bundelkhand

†3049. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special package was declared for Bundelkhand during the drought last year;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing the package so far;

(c) whether Government intends to provide the package this year; and

(d) if so, the concessions being provided for Bundelkhand in this special package and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) During South-West Monsoon (June-September) 2008, the districts in the Bundelkhand region generally received good rainfall and no report regarding drought in that region during 2008 was received.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.